STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed Bids addressed to the Maine Department of Transportation, Augusta, Maine 04333 and endorsed on the wrapper "Bid for Wetlands Mitigation in the town of Moscow and Caratunk" will be received from contractors at the Reception Desk, Temporary Transportation Building in Winthrop, Maine, until 11:00 o'clock A.M. (prevailing time) on June 11, 2003 and at that time and place publicly opened and read. There will be a Statement of Bidder's Qualification submittal required by the Department, as specified in the contract documents Special Provision 103.3 Post-Bid Qualification for all bidders for this project. All other Bids will be rejected. MDOT is currently transitioning to provide for the option of electronic bidding. We now accept electronic bids for those bid packages posted on our electronic bid website. Electronic bids do not have to be accompanied by paper bids. Please note: the Department will accept a facsimile of the bid bond for the electronic bid; however, the original bid bond must then be received at the MDOT Contract Section within 72 hours of the bid opening. During this transition, dual bids (one paper, one electronic) will be accepted, with the paper copy taking precedence. For those who chose to submit a paper bid alone, nothing has changed.

Description: Maine Federal Aid Project No. NH-4337(40)E, PIN 4337.40

Location: In Somerset County, project is located off US. Rte 201 approx. 0.7 mi. south of the Caratunk townline at Austin Stream/ Austin Pond location and at Austin Stream/ Deadwater location.

Outline of Work: Wetland mitigation and stream restoration, plantings and other incidental work.

The basis of award will be Section 0001

For general information regarding Bidding and Contracting procedures, contact Bruce Carter at (207)624-3430. Our webpage at http://www.state.me.us/mdot/project/design/homepg.htm contains a copy of the schedule of items, Plan Holders List, written portions of bid amendments (not drawings); and bid results. For Project-specific information fax all questions to **Deane Van Dusen** at (207)624-3101. Questions received after 12:00 noon of Monday prior to bid date will not be answered. Bidders shall not contact any other Departmental staff for clarification of Contract provisions, and the Department will not be responsible for any interpretations so obtained. Hearing impaired persons may call the Telecommunication Device for the Deaf at (207)287-3392.

Plans, specifications and bid forms may be seen at the Maine Department of Transportation, Temporary Transportation Building in Winthrop, Maine and at the Department of Transportation's Division Office in Fairfield. They may be purchased from the Department between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by cash, credit card (Visa/Mastercard) or check payable to Treasurer, State of Maine sent to Maine Department of Transportation, Attn.: Mailroom, 16 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0016. They also may be purchased by telephone at (207)624-3536 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Full size plans \$18.00 (\$21.00 by mail). Half size plans \$9.00 (\$11.00 by mail), Bid Book \$10 (\$13 by mail), Single Sheets \$2, payment in advance, all non-refundable.

Each Bid must be made upon blank forms provided by the Department and must be accompanied by a bid bond at 5% of the bid amount or an official bank check, cashier's check, certified check, certificate of deposit, or United States postal money order in the amount of \$5,000 payable to Treasurer, State of Maine as a Bid guarantee. A Contract Performance Surety Bond and a Contract Payment Surety Bond, each in the amount of 100 percent of the Contract price, will be required of the successful Bidder.

This Contract is subject to all applicable Federal Laws. This contract is subject to compliance with the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program requirements as set forth by the Maine Department of Transportation.

All work shall be governed by "State of Maine, Department of Transportation, Standard Specifications, Revision of December 2002", price \$10 [\$13 by mail], and Standard Details, Revision of December 2002, price \$20 [\$25 by mail] Standard Detail updates can be found at http://www.state.me.us/mdot/project/design/homepg.htm

The right is hereby reserved to the MDOT to reject any or all Bids.

Winthrop, Maine June 4, 2003



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